

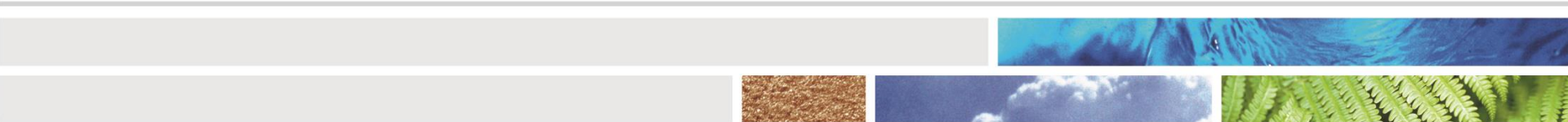


Environmental  
Protection Authority  
*Te Mana Rauhi Taiao*

# The role of EPA in the EEZ BSEE/BOEM Standards Workshop



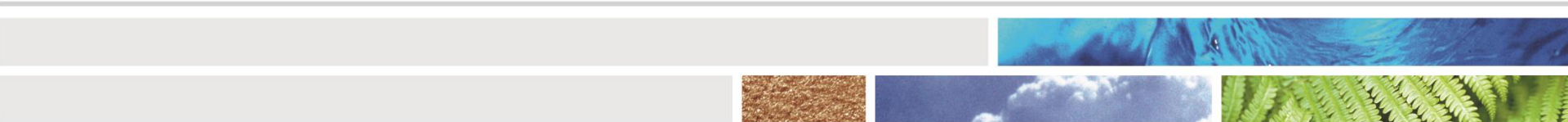
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# Outline

## Introduction to the NZ EPA:

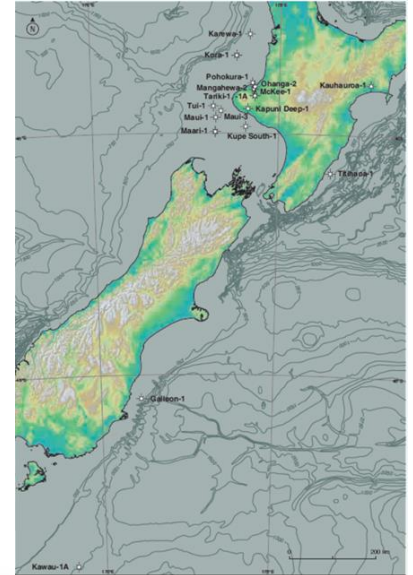
- Who we are and what we do
- International influence
- Existing interests – Maori
- Summary of current activities
- Working with other agencies
- Decision-making processes
- Challenges
- What kind of regulator we want to be



# Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)

## ➤ Environmental Regulator

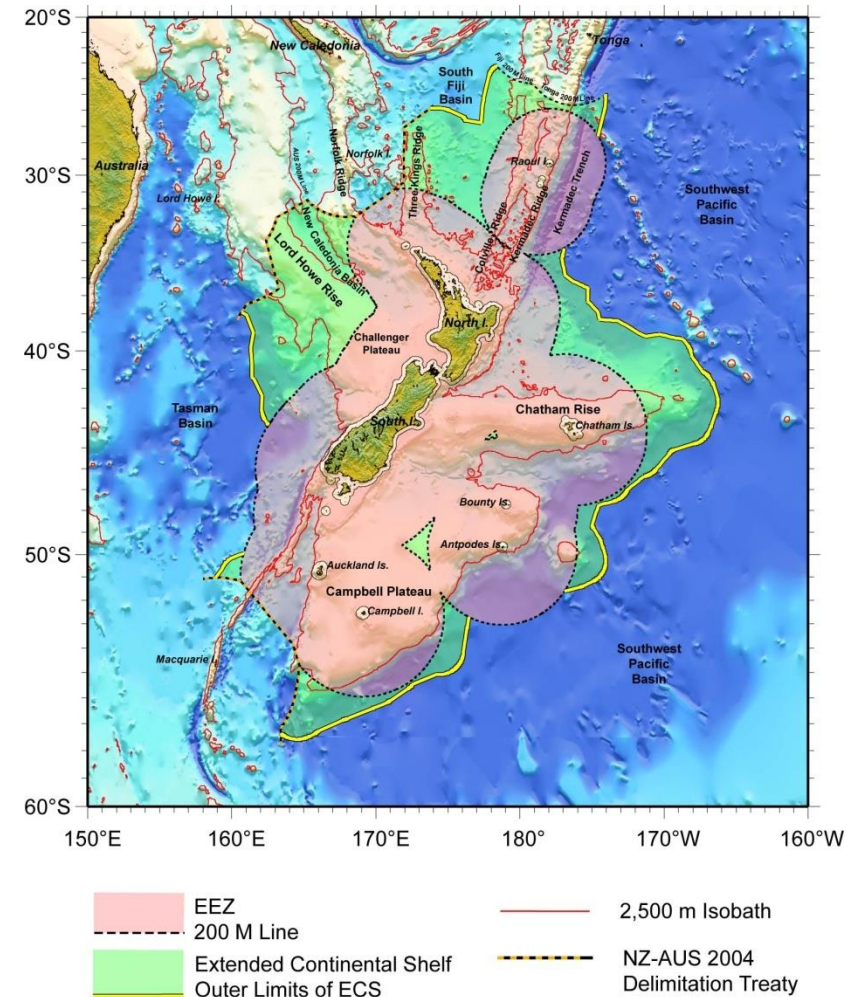
- Nationally Significant Proposals
- Hazardous Substances
- New Organisms
- Emissions Trading Scheme
- **Exclusive Economic Zone**





# New Zealand's EEZ and continental shelf

- EEZ - Area of sea, seabed and subsoil from 12 to 200 nm offshore; and,
- Continental shelf – seabed of NZ's submerged landmass



# International influence on EPA development

- Internationally /Globally
- NOPSEMA (Australia), Norway, the UK
- Montara & Macondo



# Maori existing interests

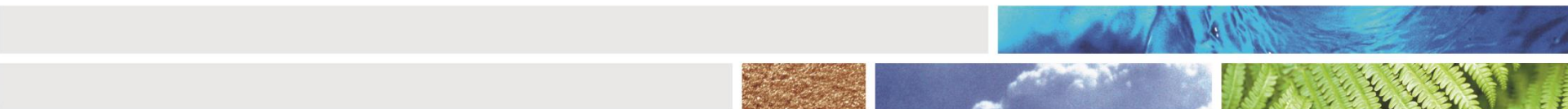
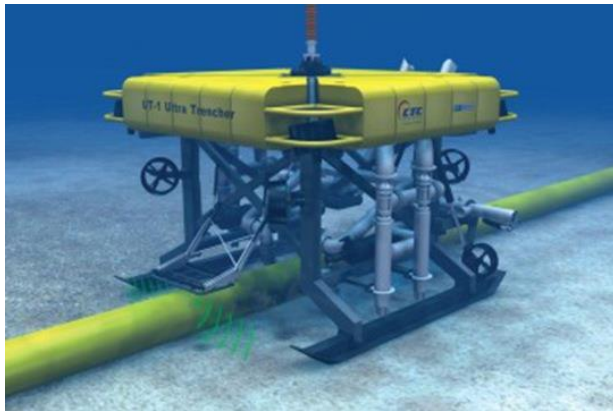
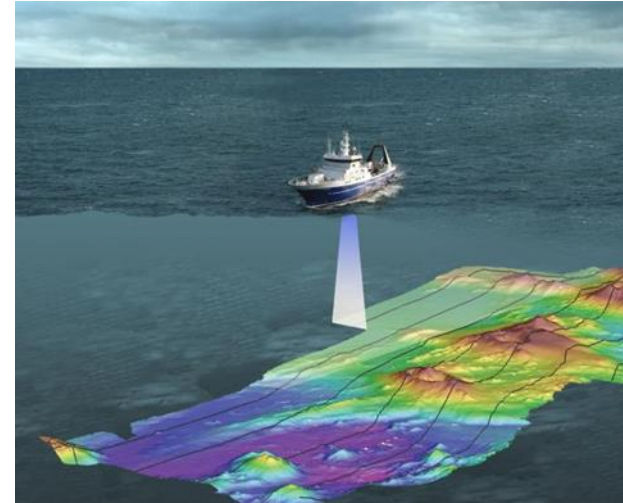
**Effects on Maori existing interests, including:**

- Treaty settlements
- Customary marine title
- Protected customary rights granted under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Mana) Act 2011





# Current activities



# Working with other agencies

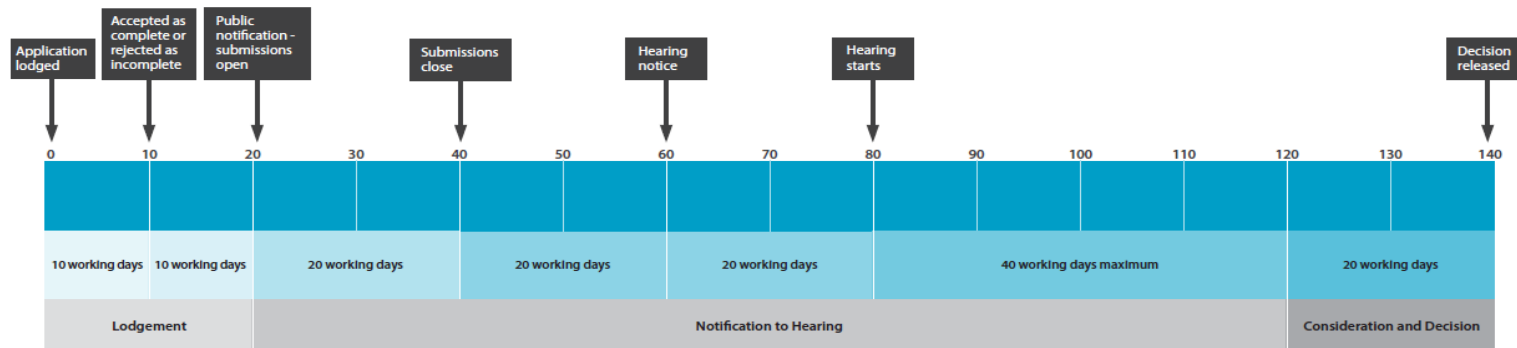
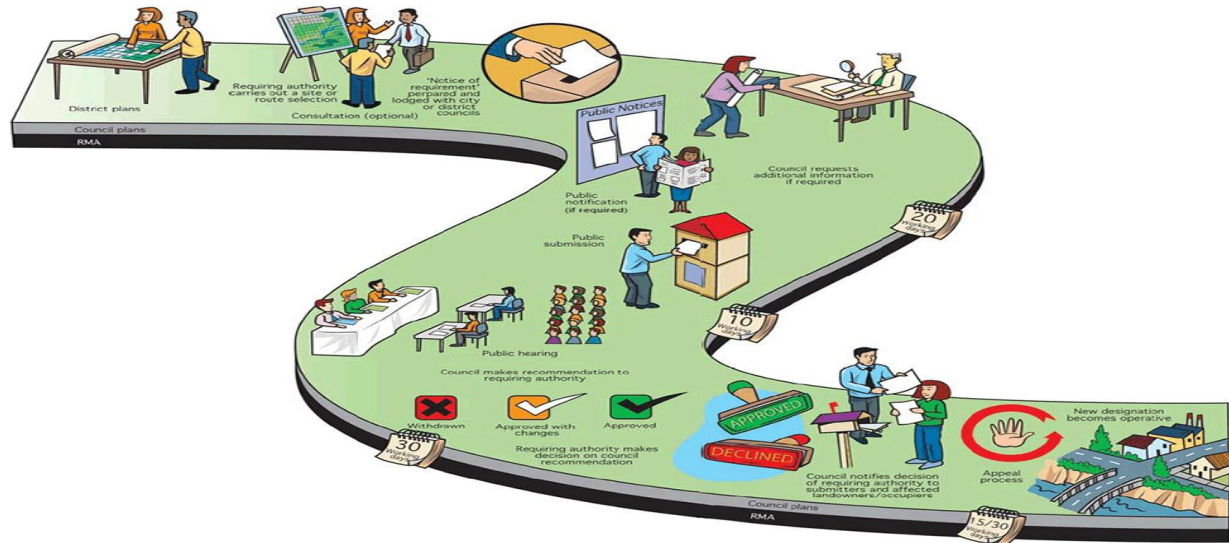
Functions	NZ Regulator	Changes / Status
Resource allocation	NZP&M	No change*
Environmental effects	EPA	<b>New function</b>
OHS – safety case	Labour MBIE	No change
Well integrity	Labour MBIE	No change
Oil spill response	Maritime NZ	No change
Discharge and dumping	Maritime NZ	<b>Transfer to EPA</b>

\* Bill under review no changes

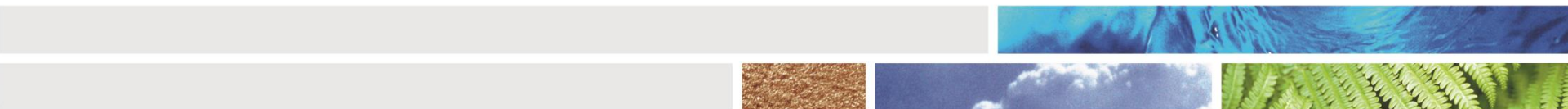




# Decision-making processes



# Challenges



# What kind of regulator we want to be

Setting obligations

Permitted activities –  
specified in regulations  
(MfE)

Prohibited activities –  
specified in regulations  
(MfE)

Discretionary activities –  
assessment of marine  
consents (EPA)

Providing  
information &  
awareness (EPA)

Provide information to operators to facilitate voluntary  
compliance

Compliance  
monitoring &  
assurance  
(EPA)

Intel from operators to EPA

Inputs

Intel from other sources

Outputs

Inspections &  
enforcement  
(EPA)

Planned inspections

Investigations of suspected  
non-compliance, incidents, complaints

Enforcement response

Enforcement  
orders

Planned  
inspections

Compliance tools

Prosecution

